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GIVES UNITS OF 161ST DIVISION
DEPLOYED ON WAN-SHAN ISLANDS

The units of the 161st Division, Forty-Fourth Army, CCF Fourth Field Army, are now deployed on the various islands which make up the Wan-shan Islands as follows:

1. The 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions of the 391st Regiment, with a strength of about 1,500 men, are stationed on the islands of Ling-ting, Chan-ao, Chiu-ao, Ta-huang-ch'in, and Hsiao-huang-ch'in. Their equipment includes one Soviet 15-mm /probably 155 mm/ howitzer and four 60-mm guns /probably mortars/, of which two are located on the island of Ta-huang-ch'in.

2. The 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions of the 392d Regiment, with a strength of about 1,750 men, are stationed on the islands of La-se-wei, Wai-ling-ting, and Chih-chu-chou. Their equipment includes one Soviet 15-mm /probably 155 mm/ howitzer and two 60-mm guns /probably mortars/. The 60-mm guns are located on the island of Chih-chu-chou. The 392d Regimental Headquarters is located on the island of La-se-wei. An automatic weapons company is also attached to this regiment.

3. The 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions of the 393d Regiment, with a strength of about 1,900 men, are stationed on the islands of Ta-wan-shan, Hsiao-wan-shan, and Ta-p'u-t'ai. One Soviet 15-mm /probably 155 mm/ howitzer is located on the island of Ta-wan-shan, while two 60-mm guns /probably mortars/ are emplaced on the island of Hsiao-wan-shan. The 393d Regimental Headquarters, defended by an automatic weapons company, is located on the island of Tung-an. It also has a special service company under its jurisdiction. Two 60-mm guns /probably mortars/ are also located on Tung-an Island.

4. The island of Tan-yu-shan is being occupied by an automatic weapons company with a complement of about 120 men. This company is under direct control of the division.

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The 161st Division Headquarters, with a complement of about 1,500 men, is located at T'ang-chia Wan in Chung-shan Hsien, Kwangtung. This number includes the personnel of artillery and garrison battalions assigned to defend the headquarters. Although the troop strength of this division is generally around 6,700, it now has about 9,000 men under its control because an artillery regiment and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column have been placed under its jurisdiction. The table of equipment of this division includes four field artillery pieces, ten 60-mm guns /probably mortars/, 14 rocket guns, 17 cannons sic, and a number of 13- and 40-mm sic guns.

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